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44) [151627] Summer Fox Hunt: Team Guidelines.
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by "w8diz" <w8diz@fpqrp.com>
50) [151633] Summer Fox Hunt Teams.
by Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>

Date: Sat, 31 May 2003 17:30:42 -0600 (MDT)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [151584] Crazy Solar Condition web pages
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.44.0305311721210.2459-100000@bucket.dog>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I just went to the web page
<http://www.hfradio.org/propagation.html>

and it says radio conditions should be "normal". But I tried to work
n5ios who is 250 miles away and we talk on 7.209 MHz every day at 2200Z.
He could just copy me S-3 and he was even weaker. In general he is S-9
plus.

As usual the solar conditions have zip to do with what we hear
on the bands. And the bands are all DEAD on the day I get my new
Screwdriver tuned mobile working.

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- Karl Larsen k5di Las Cruces, NM Az ScQRPions -

Date: Sat, 31 May 2003 17:47:16 -0600 (CST)
From: Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>

To: QRP-Canada <qrp-canada@neale.gpfn.sk.ca>,
Low Power Group <qrp-1@LeHigh.EDU>
Subject: [151585] Re: Summer Fox Hunt: Team Guidelines.
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0305311745300.5589-100000@neale.gpfn.sk.ca>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

We have the NE-TX Tornados and the Cajun Thunder....any more please?
...72 - Bruce VE5RC+VE5QRP

The Cajun Thunder

Wayne, K5E0A
Vern, AA50
Wayne, N5YFC
Jim, N5IB
and a "player to be named later"

72
Jim N5IB

Date: Sat, 31 May 2003 19:56:12 -0400
From: "Marty N5NW" <n5nw@n5nw.org>
To: "QRP" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [151586] Re: K2 TOI numbers
Message-ID: <OIEIKALHLHENNECNLLNHAEBDIAA.n5nw@n5nw.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Not to disagree that the K2 is a fine radio, but the TOI numbers are not the best ever published by the ARRL. They are very comparable to the Kenwood TS-570D(G), which on 14 MHz has a TOI of +21.7/+9.6 (preamp off/on) vs. the K2 with +21.6/+6.9. The K2 fared a bit better on 80m, with the Kenwood producing a TOI of +17/+9.4 vs. the K2's +20.9/+5.9. Noise floors, 3rd Order IMD Dynamic Range and MDS were similar, but where the K2 really shines, per the published numbers, is in blocking dynamic range - the Kenwood's 115dB/114dB won't touch the 136/136 dB turned in by the K2. The Kenwood's numbers improve slightly at 1 MHz over 3MHz, but the K2 doesn't offer 160 standard, so the comparison cannot be done.

de N5NW (Marty)
Bellbrook, Ohio

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 00:50:58 +0100
From: "Norman Zoltack" <k3nz@enter.net>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [151587] Scewdriver antennas
Message-ID: <000b01c327cf\$7cae0a00\$a0a6c1d8@normanzo>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Anybodu out there hve experience with the Little Tarheel screwdriver
antenna? Please respond directly to me. Thanks & 73 de Norm K3NZ
(Rockmiter!!!)

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 01:18:27 +0100
From: Ed Lawson <k1vp@grizzly.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [151588] 4W3DX and receivers
Message-ID: <20030601011827.2680db91.k1vp@grizzly.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
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This morning I checked the cluster early and 4W3Dx was noted on 20M. Now Timor is not close to NH and he was weak with a howling mob of very strong signals after him up 3 to 8KC. With all the discussion about receivers recently and since I have three rigs switched to the same antenna, I tried an experiment. On the Icom 718 he was practically unreadable as the CW was distorted and very weak. Using the preamp just made things worse. On the PatComm 500 the signal was too weak to be readable until I turned the preamp on and then copy was pretty easy. Signal was clean and clear, but still weak. With the OHR 500, the siganl was still weak, but better than the other two and very readable. the CW sounded clean and distinct.

I think the specs for these three radios on paper are rather similar, but they sound very different and they are quite different when it comes to weak signals.

Don't know what it means from a technical viewpoint, but I think it does show that the kit rigs QRPers often use are very fine radios when it comes to ears. And some highly praised radios on eham are really not all that great when used to hear weak signal CW.

Ed Lawson
K1VP

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Date: Sat, 31 May 2003 22:09:23 -0400
From: Howard Friedman <haf47@juno.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [151589] Component source wanted
Message-ID: <20030531.220926.-565075.0.haf47@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello and thanks for reading this note.

A few years ago Tech America was my source for resistors and capacitors and such as their prices were great! I remember buying resistors for \$1.00 per 100 of the same value, which I thought was just super. Other components were nicely priced also.

Anyway, Tech America is gone and I am seeking another source and would appreciate any advice and input as to where I might find comparable deals on components.

Thanks es 73, Howard WA2AFD

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Date: Sat, 31 May 2003 22:23:32 -0400
From: "Michael Hall" <MIKE-WB8ICN@worldnet.att.net>
To: <MIQRPClub@yahoogroups.com>, <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Cc: <njqrp@njqrp.org>, <fpqrp-l@mpna.com>
Subject: [151590] MI QRP Spring Issue of T5W

Message-ID: <002d01c327e4\$cda86da0\$9fb7d943@hppav>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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For those of you who are wondering where the Spring issue of the T5W (Michigan QRP Club's quarterly mag), we have had a problem with the mailing labels. The new batch of labels should arrive by Tuesday which means the T5W will be in the mail by Wednesday. Sorry for the delay!

Here is the line of articles:

The First QRP★ Ops.....By Dick Arnold, AF8X

Why Support ARRL?.....Dick Mondro W8FQT

Ft. Smith Sidekick Receiver....Paul Valentine K8AAX

Atlanticon 2003 QRP Forum.....Mike Hall, WB8ICN

Follow-up to the MP-20.....Mike Hall, WB8ICN

My Retro Station.....By Dick Arnold, AF8X

The summer issue is already shaping up to be a good one. For anyone who is not a member and wishes to join the MI QRP Club, go to <http://www.qsl.net/miqrpcub/member.html> or e-mail Buck at n8cqa@wowway.com

72's, Mike, WB8ICN

Outgoing mail is certified Virus Free.
Checked by AVG anti-virus system (<http://www.grisoft.com>).
Version: 6.0.486 / Virus Database: 284 - Release Date: 5/29/2003

Date: Sat, 31 May 2003 23:16:15 -0400
From: "Garey Barrell" <k4oah@mindspring.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [151591] Re: HC-908 Daughtercard
Message-ID: <019801c327ec\$2937e540\$6401a8c0@hp>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The package is sold.

Wish I had more!

Remember they are still available from NJQRP.

73, Garey - K40AH
Atlanta

Date: Sat, 31 May 2003 20:40:04 -0700
From: "Mike Standbridge" <ve7mst@goldcity.net>
To: "QRP-l" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [151592] Red letter day here
Message-ID: <000901c327ef\$7d31f980\$55235118@ca.shawcable.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Minboots Kit arrived in B.C. May 30th.
72/73
Mike, VE7MST

Date: Sat, 31 May 2003 22:56:49 -0500
From: "Doc K0EVZ" <dock0evz@earthlink.net>
To: "qrp-l reflector" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>,
"Elecraft " <elecraft@mailman.qth.net>
Cc: "doc k0evz earthlink" <dock0evz@earthlink.net>
Subject: [151593] Summer FOX Hunt begins 6/1/03
Message-ID: <41200360135649913@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII

Gang:

Our long-awaited Summer FOX Season begins on Sunday, 1 June 2003, at 2200Z.
The first pair of hunters are Jim N0UR and Lloyd K3ESE, both good,
experienced operators with excellent gear and antennas. Jim is in MN while
Lloyd is in MD. Let's all get on there tomorrow and give these guys 90

minutes of serious FOX hunting. BTW it makes no difference which FOX you work first.

Complete details about the season are found at <http://www.cqc.org/fox>.
NOTE = All hunts this season will be on Sunday evenings, for sure! There will be ten evenings of hunting, two FOXes per evening. The Summer season will be on 20 Metres (fingers crossed for good propagation!).

What do you need to do to get into the action?--Just tune in with your rig set to 5 watts or less, and go for it. You don't need huge antennas for this. And don't worry about your code speed. Each FOX will QRS as necessary. Remember--the FOXes want to work as many hunters as possible during their outings.

Do your best not to call directly on the FOX's transmit frequency. This allows the hunters to hear the FOX. This is especially important at the beginning of each hunt, when there is typically a pileup. I will probably be about 1.25 kHz high toward the beginning of the hunt.

So good luck Jim and Lloyd and all hunters. Now let's go and have some fun!

73,
--Doc/K0EVZ

Date: Sat, 31 May 2003 22:56:53 -0500
From: "Doc K0EVZ" <dock0evz@earthlink.net>
To: "Elecraft " <elecraft@mailman.qth.net>,
"qrp-l reflector" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Cc: "doc k0evz earthlink" <dock0evz@earthlink.net>
Subject: [151594] FOX Posting--Lloyd K3ESE and Jim N0UR
Message-ID: <41200360135653227@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII

Gang:

Here again is the official notice from the FOXes for Opening Evening of the Summer FOX Hunt season on 20 Metres. Good luck everyone. By the way, be sure to invite everyone in your QRP friendship group to take part. Should

be a great evening.

73,

--Doc/K0EVZ

> [Original Message]

> From: Lloyd Lachow <llachow@yahoo.com>

> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

> Date: 5/30/2003 8:35:05 AM

> Subject: Fox Hunt, by Invitation Only this Summer! Read this...

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> The dreary days are almost gone, even here in the
> Northeast, where gloom has been reigning for weeks.
> The reigns are stopping, the glory of late Spring
> turning into Summer begins, and to celebrate, we lucky
> few have the 20 Meter Summer Fox Hunt. By Invitation
> Only. All QRP ops are invited, and that means y-o-u.

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> The website for this contest is here:

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> <http://www.cqc.org/fox/index.htm>

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> The Hunts will be on Sundays, from 2200-2329Z. It's
> a new (and shorter!) time slot, and will result in,
> hopefully, better conditions for all.

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> This Sunday, Jim, N0UR, and yours truly will be the
> Foxii. One of us will be below 14.060, one above.
> Usually we'll be 2-3 kHz above/below, allowing for
> QRM. We'll be working split, that is, we'll be
> listening to Hounds from 1-3 kHz above our frequencies
> (sometimes below). Hounds should take note of this,
> and try to avoid transmitting much closer to the Fox
> than 1 kHz.

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> The Foxii will call "CQ FOX," or "QRZ FOX," or some
> such. Hounds should then send their call, listen, and
> resend in a few seconds if the Fox doesn't start
> working someone. The Fox will usually send the Hound's
> call at the beginning and end of his transmission, as:
> "W1AW TU 559 MD LLOYD 5W W1AW BK," after which the
> Hound will reply sort of like this, "W1AW 559 CT HIRAM
> 5W BK." The Fox will then acknowledge, or ask for
> fills. An acknowledgement may be something like, "TU,"
> or "TU E E," etc. Then, the Hounds may once again
> begin baying out their calls. If the Fox does need to
> ask for any fills, no other Hound should transmit
> until the Fox acknowledges he's got it all.

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> Please send all your info only once; the Fox will
> ask for fills if necessary.
>
> Besides being just a huge amount of fun, the Hunts
> allow us to learn and perfect our operating skills. As
> in all ham radio, and especially in QRP ops, the
> chiefest skill is listening. If you listen, you'll
> know when it's time to send your call, and when it's
> not. If you're not sure what's going on, or what the
> Fox is doing, don't send your call in hopes you'll get
> lucky...you wouldn't know if you did, anyway!
>
> I'll be using my K1 into a 200' longwire up about
> 20'. There may well be a Truffle, handed out by a
> Flying Pig, for the 15 minutes prior to the start of
> each Hunt, which gives a chance to warm up your keys
> and ears. The rules for hunting Truffles are similar,
> except tthe Truffle will be sending his Flying Pig
> number, rather than his power. See details at:
>
> <http://www.fpqr.com/pighunt2.html>
>
> Good luck, happy hunting, and...have fun!!!
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> =====
> 73, 72 es oo, Lloyd, K3ESE - Reisterstown, Maryland
> multiPIG+ #14 - K1 # 00379 - 20/40M Rock-Mites
> Hunk o' Wahr - Begali Magnetic Classic Paddles
> ARRL - ARS #1301 - QRParci #11147 - FISTS #8774
> FPQRP #476 - QRP-L #2415 - SOC #530
> Fun = Skill / Power !
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> -----
> Do you Yahoo!?
> Yahoo! Calendar - Free online calendar with sync to Outlook(TM).
> <http://calendar.yahoo.com>

Date: Sat, 31 May 2003 23:47:09 -0500
From: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
To: <w8diz@fpqrp.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [151595] Truffle Schedule Mixup
Message-ID: <00f101c327f8\$dd8a31e0\$0401a8c0@PS>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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Folks, I really pulled a good one and put old Diz in a tough spot.

Here's what happened:

He asked me for the TIME the Fox Hunt started. I had misread Doc's announcement and told him that the Hunt started at 2230. THAT IS WRONG - IT STARTS AT 2200.

Anyway, Diz then built the Truffle sked around a 2230 starting time which obviously is an hour too late. And all my fault!

So, please listen up for the Truffles tomorrow afternoon starting at 2130Z until 2200Z when the Hunts begin. The first two Truffles will be Diz, W8DIZ, and KB5ELV.

I try never to post anything that could be in error, but I really did it this time in a personal note to Diz. I apologize to anyone I have inconvenienced.

Mea culpa, guys . . .help me dig my way out of this hole by showing up at 2130 and working the Truffles!

See you there!

73/72, George
Amateur Radio W5YR - the Yellow Rose of Texas
Fairview, TX 30 mi NE of Dallas in Collin county EM13QE
"In the 57th year and it just keeps getting better!"
<mailto:w5yr@att.net>

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Date: Sun, 01 Jun 2003 00:48:14 -0400
From: AB6UI@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [151596] MiniBoots Update
Message-ID: <4F9F6A29.79D4735F.0000C623@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

I guess the same people who way you can't put 10 lbs of "stuff" in a 5 lb bag also say you can't put 5 watts of raw power in an Altoids tin. But it can be done. I probably spent more time getting the MiniBoots into the enclosure (an Altoids tin) than I did building the kit. But with an ounce of ingenuity and a pound of perseverance I was able to do it. KD6T was my first QSO with the "packaged" MiniBoots. Check out the MiniBoots and my entire Altoids Tin Station at <http://members.aol.com/ab6ui> and click on the qrp photo album link.

72/73 ES GUD DX DE AB6UI
Brian

Date: Fri, 30 May 2003 23:36:59 -0500
From: "Jerry Ford" <benlightnd13@mchsi.com>
To: "qrp-l" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [151597] Re: FOX Posting--Lloyd K3ESE and Jim N0UR
Message-ID: <007201c3272e\$46bee3c0\$f374da0c@mchsi.com>

Doc: Thanks for the reminder.

This will be the first chance I get to play with the dual VFO's on the MP + working splits.

Lloyd, keep an ear out for us ole hillbillies
Jim, I'll be looken for ya after the fox hunt to try and swop piggi
number with ya.

See everyone tomorrow evening.

73 to the gang: Jerry N0JRN

BTW: pretty good condx's on 40 tonight. If your not on, your missing out.

Date: Fri, 30 May 2003 23:45:55 -0500
From: "Jerry Ford" <benlightnd13@mchsi.com>
To: "qrp-l" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [151598] Fw: MiniBoots Update
Message-ID: <007c01c3272f\$8644ae20\$f374da0c@mchsi.com>

Brian: An awsome web site. Great job on the mini boots.

73 Jerry N0JRN
----- Original Message -----

From: <AB6UI@aol.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Saturday, May 31, 2003 11:48 PM
Subject: MiniBoots Update

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> 72/73 ES GUD DX DE AB6UI
> Brian

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 00:07:33 -0500
From: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
To: "NETXQRP" <netxqrp@mailman.qth.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>,
Subject: [151599] Re: Summer Fox Hunt: Team Guidelines.
Message-ID: <010f01c327fb\$b4fd9ca0\$0401a8c0@PS>

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Good luck, Cajun Thunder!

The NE-TX Tornados

----- Original Message -----

From: "Bruce Rattray" <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Saturday, May 31, 2003 6:47 PM
Subject: Re: Summer Fox Hunt: Team Guidelines.

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> We have the NE-TX Tornados and the Cajun Thunder....any more please?
> ...72 - Bruce VE5RC+VE5QRP
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> The Cajun Thunder
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> Wayne, K5E0A
> Vern, AA50
> Wayne, N5YFC
> Jim, N5IB
> and a "player to be named later"
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> 72
> Jim N5IB
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Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 01:08:22 EDT
From: ARDUJENSKI@aol.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [151600] Still sage advice
Message-ID: <1ce.ae19408.2c0ae446@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hey folks

With field day coming up there is a very nice collection of articles and sage advice at WD8RIF site

<http://www.qsl.net/wd8rif/archives.htm#field>

Among a wealth of topics there is a good discussssion on selecting an antenna and equipment, field operations, battery info, and of course various types of antennas. I want to thank Eric for making this available. I love rereading these from time to time

I hope as you come along some of these classic posts you forward them on to Eric for inclusion in his collection

Alan KB7MBI in Woodinville, WA
FISTS 5702 / ARS / Proud member of ARRL
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Date: Sun, 01 Jun 2003 07:31:02 +0200
From: DK3RED@t-online.de (Ingo Meyer DK3RED)
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [151601] Re: OT: Fames and Web Browsers
Message-ID: <5.2.1.1.1.20030601071559.02383cb0@pop.btx.dtag.de>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Hello Diz,

>Can someone tell me which web browsers do NOT support HTML FRAMES?

- Netscape browser lower than 2.0
- MS Internet Explorer lower than 3.0
- no information for other browser

Frames are standard since HTML 4.0, however not as "Strict" but as "Frameset".

If you use the "Noframes" tag as alternative for non-frame browser so some frame browser (Netscape 4.x) will display the information in the "noframe" area. :o(Frame browser like Internet Explorer 5.x and Netscape 6.x suppress the informations in the "Noframe" areas. Declare your project as "Transistional" and not as "Strict" if you use a "Noframe" area.

GL

72/73 de Ingo, DK3RED Don't forget: the fun is the power!

dk3red@t-online.de <http://www.t-online.de/~dk3red>

DL-QRP-AG #824 <http://www.dl-qrp-ag.de>
QRP ARCI #11295 <http://www.qrparci.org>

Date: Sat, 31 May 2003 23:25:10 -0700
From: "William Phinizy" <k6whp@verizon.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [151602] Wa-a-a-y OT: Widows 2000 Question
Message-ID: <000501c32806\$8f885fe0\$fb60e043@sydelpgnr79gmd>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

My sincere apologies for this one, but I have been all over the internet to try to resolve this and found nothing. This is in the form of a last gasp:

Within the last day or so, I have noticed my PC -- with Windows 2000 installed -- has been automatically attempting to connect to the internet. The connection dialog pops up, I cancel it 3 times, and it goes away for about 10 minutes. After that duration, it comes back. Over and over and over..

..I have gone through the dial-up connections parameters, looked at annoyances on the internet, etc. but cannot seem to track this one down. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

72,

Bill, k6whp.

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 08:03:10 -0400
From: Vince Santis <vsantis@earthlink.net>
To: "QRP List (E-mail)" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [151603] KOMAX
Message-ID: <01C32814.5210DE40.vsan@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Good morning,

Does anyone have the correct e-mail address for KOMAX? I've lost it and the ARRL address doesn't seem to work.

Thanks,

Vince Santis, N1VS
Winsted, CT
vsantis@arrl.net
NEQRP # 598
PRP-L # 2372
FISTS# 8053
CC # 1161
K1 #841

Outgoing mail is certified Virus Free.
Checked by AVG anti-virus system (<http://www.grisoft.com>).
Version: 6.0.483 / Virus Database: 279 - Release Date: 5/19/03

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 08:16:42 -0400
From: "w8diz" <w8diz@fpqrp.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>,
<fpqrp-l@fpqrp.com>
Subject: [151604] Truffle Hunt Today
Message-ID: <000f01c32837\$a9aff820\$b8cf1d41@cinci.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi All,

Just to let you all know, the Summer Truffle hunt will start today, 30 minutes prior to the start of the Fox Hunt. Those 30 minutes are split into TWO 15 minute sessions. KB5ELV in PA will be the 1st Truffle from 2130z-2145z. W8DIZ in OH will be the 2nd Truffle from 2145z-2200z.

Listen for us starting at 5:30 PM EDT - that will confuse some :)

<http://fpqrp.com/pighunt2.html>

PS: We need volunteers for the rest of the TRUFFLE season.

72 & "oo's" - Dieter (DIZ) Gentzow - W8DIZ - Loveland, Ohio
Clermont County - EM79uf - near Cincinnati; 39:13:05N 84:18:18W
RIG:multiPIG+ ANT:470 FT Horiz Loop <http://kitsandparts.com>

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 08:27:11 -0400
From: John R Kirby <n3aaz-qrp@juno.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [151605] Calculator es 1QOk at all the other gQQd stuff TNX
Message-ID: <20030601.082853.-193807.0.n3aaz-qrp@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

>>From: "James R. Duffey" <JamesDuffey@comcast.net>
>>To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
>>Date: Sat, 31 May 2003 12:03:39 -0600
>>Subject: Universal Transmission Line Calculator

TNX Dr MC (KK5MC) for this 'spot:

"...W9CF has written and made available on
his web site a very nice transmission
line calculator at:
<<http://fermi.la.asu.edu/w9cf/tran/index.html>>..."

and 1QOk at all the other gQQd stuff at:

<<http://fermi.la.asu.edu/w9cf/>>
>>Kevin Schmidt, W9CF
>>Tempe, Arizona 85283

a BIG BIG tnx to Kevin (W9CF) for making all this work available for all
to use :>))

John
N3AAZ
00TC
FM 19 xa

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Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 07:52:34 -0500
From: "Jim N0UR" <n0ur@attbi.com>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, "MNQRP" <mnqrp-l@mailman.qth.net>
Subject: [151606] CQ FOX, today!
Message-ID: <000701c3283c\$aeeffb640\$6a202942@ce1.client2.attbi.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Sorry for the late posting. Please try and get on this afternoon at 2200Z give the 20 meter summer fox hunt a try. Lloyd will be above 14.060, and I will be taking the low road, below 14.060. I plan on listening up a kc or so to start.

Should be a nice way to relax on a late Sunday afternoon, just before firing up the grill, and a tall cool one in your hand.

Please try to get on and keep Lloyd and me busy.

72's es GL

Jim N0UR

Date: Sun, 01 Jun 2003 09:31:10 -0400
From: "E. Roswell" <eroswell@monmouth.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [151607] Re: Component source wanted
Message-ID: <3EDA001E.C987BE0D@monmouth.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Try Unicorn Electronics at:
<http://unicornelectronics.com/>
73, Ed, K2MGM.

Date: Sun, 01 Jun 2003 10:17:46 -0400
From: Paul Stroud <aa4xx@bellsouth.net>

To: klqrp@knightlites.org
Cc: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [151608] KnightLite
Message-ID: <3EDA0B0A.6090507@bellsouth.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Fellow QRP'ers,

The KnightLites QRP Association cordially invites you to join us for Field Day 2003. Family members are most welcome. We will be operating from the farm of KD4ZJQ, located near the intersection of I-40 and I-95 (Newton Grove area) in North Carolina.

Details and pictures at: <http://bellsouthpwp.net/a/a/aa4xx/index.html>

You may contact me for additional information. Hope CU at FD! 72, Paul AA4XX

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 11:08:54 -0700
From: "W2WU" <w2wurjj@verizon.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [151609] Need Capacitor
Message-ID: <000701c32868\$faa17160\$09fc998d@w2wurjj>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I need a 2200 uF / 25 V axial (not vertical mount) cap. Can't find at local suppliers. Tnx & 73, W2WU

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 11:09:47 -0400
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <ARDUJENSKI@aol.com>,
 "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [151610] Re: Still sage advice
Message-ID: <004f01c3284f\$d90f6ca0\$0200a8c0@charter.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Wow, NEAT collection!!

But... I only noticed one article from 2001. January, in fact. And
nothing
newer.

Does that mean nothing interesting has happened since then? Or that the
list sort of stopped growing then?

Mike

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 11:37:29 -0500
From: <stanw@toxsox.com>
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [151611] HV U Considered a NVIS for Field Day Antenna ?

Message-ID: <000501c3285c\$1b1ea000\$0364010a@toxsor.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

We appear to be over the top on the Sun Spot cycle so can not depend upon the higher bands to help run up the scores. However, 40 and 80 meters can produce a lot of contacts once the sky begins to darken come Saturday evening. While we all want to work that DX station that seems to show up everytime, What we really need are contacts and that super dipole or beam 60 to 70 ft in the air or great vertical with its nice ground plane laid out in the Park are not the antenna to run up the points. they will nab the DX station for the log, but perhaps this year you really want to move up the list of stations in the points count.

A simple dipole or loop less than 1/8 wavelength above ground with a simple counterpoise under it will be good on 40 and 80 for numerous contacts within a 600 to 800 mile radius.

So consider using going NVIS this time. .

de stan ak0b

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 11:04:13 -0600 (MDT)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [151612] Screwdriver antenna final
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.44.0306011045380.10207-1000000@bucket.dog>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Well the Screwdriver antenna is a sucess. It's mounted such that I can see the antenna out my side mirror so I can mark the points to stop at for all the ham bands.

I had the usual problem in that the antenna tuned up fine, but then on transmit it would not take the full 5 watts. I thank all the guys with their solutions and will now explain my solution.

With my MFJ Antenna Analyser I found the SWR reached on all but the highest bands is about 2 to 1. This is why the transmitter is not fully loaded.

I put an MFJ Antenna Tuner at the transmitter and tuned it up for a 50 +j0 at the transmitter port and now 80 thru 10 meters I can get a full 5 watts to the antenna! I have the "step down" toroid transformer at the base of the antenna. It steps 50 to about 12 ohms.

On changing bands while in motion: I can in theory change from any band to any band easilly. It should be simple. I'm approaching 70 years old. My eyes and bones are not what they once were. So I will pull over and stop when I change bands, and find a bush...:-)

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- Karl Larsen k5di Las Cruces,NM Az ScQRPions -

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 14:18:51 -0300
From: "Leigh Hawkes" <leighhawkes@ns.sympatico.ca>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [151613] Re: 4W3DX and receivers
Message-ID: <000001c32861\$e16112c0\$6400a8c0@leighck46i9ilt>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Ed,

You've made a very appropriate observation in your post. I also have = several rigs including the IC-718. I get the same effect as you. Signals = received on an OHR-100 can be copied right down to nothing and sound better than the 718. (Interestingly, the ICOM FL-52A CW filter in the 718 costs as much = as two OHR-100 xcvs).=20

Why is this so? My QTH is only 0.5KM away from four TV transmitters, 6 = or more FM and one AM BC transmitter. Most of those are running in 100KW = class. RF level is so high that I cannot use the Autek RF-1 analyzer to check = my antenna. Those stations cause a lot of RF hash across the entire = spectrum. Most of the modern telephones sets are full of hum and buzz which = changes as

you move or stretch the cords. On air signals leak through and around =
the
CATV and cause background signals appear on all channels, broadcast =
audio is
picked up by powered computer speakers and can be heard at varying =
levels,
etc. By use of RF chokes / toroid coils, I've eliminated most all of =
that
crap. But, I wonder about the IC-718. It is exposed to all of that stuff =
...
and unlike the OHR-100, it is designed to cover a wide spectrum.=20

I need to do a bit of investigation / experimentation with the IC-718.
Perhaps try a front end bandpass filter ... some antenna tuner/couplers
would be suitable. A good quiet RF environment QTH could also help check
this theory.=20

There is something different about the IC-718 rx that is a little hard =
to
put an exact finger on. I expect it would be pretty useless at a
multi-transmitter FD site. I've used it to listen to several of my QRP =
rigs
and even though they are operating into attached dummy loads and far =
from
overloading the IC-718, they sound terrible ... on the other hand, using =
any
other RX, they sound fine!=20

I bought the IC-718 primarily to use as a SW RX to replace a very old =
but
very good Yaesu FRG-7. I'm very impressed with the stability and =
frequency
accuracy of the 718. It easily equals \$25K equipment I've used in the
telecom industry. The 718 TX is also very good. But, as you allude to, =
the
RX is not what it should be for weak signal work. No matter how one =
could
defend it, it should not be outperformed by a couple of NE-602's. I =
haven't
done an eham review, but I'd agree that the high 4.8 or so rating is
misleading. The more I've looked at eham reviews and ratings, the less =
faith
I have in the majority of them. A review by a new ham using a new rig =
for a
couple of days and with nothing else to compare it to, can hardly =
produce a
meaningful review.=20

Looking at the ads of the current HF transceiver offerings, I find =
almost
nothing of interest. They seem to be turning into gadget boxes with =
little
attention being given to the real reason for being a radio. Each gadget
seemingly taking away from or impairing basic performance =
characteristics.
Elecraft looks like an exception to the trend. =20

73,
Leigh, VE1GA

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 10:49:21 -0700
From: "William Phinizy" <k6whp@verizon.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [151614] Re: Wa-a-a-y OT: Widows 2000 Question
Message-ID: <001f01c32866\$237ee5c0\$fe61e043@sydelpgnr79gmd>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

My sincere thanks to all those who responded. I guess this
is more prevalent than I thought and my
already-sky-high-opinion of the breadth of technical
expertise of hams has yet again skyrocketed!

For this who asked me to keep them posted, please understand
this is an interim report. I suspect (but not have
confirmed) that I have attracted virus in the form of
spyware. That is a cookie or other executable that lands on
your machine and "reports back" to its creator pieces of
information from the innocent (browsing habits) to the
insidious (credit card numbers, etc.).

A company called Lavasoft offers a free app called Ad-aware
and it can be found at <http://www.lavasoftusa.com/>. It will
allow you to track down the culprits and quarantine or
delete them. I got several hits but think I ran the app
incorrectly because my machine "still do that voodoo it do
so well". Lavasoft offers preventive plug-ins for about \$50.
The jury is still out..

..what is it Drudge says, "bulletins as the situations warrant".

Bill, k6whp

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 14:46:31 -0400 (EDT)
From: <n2go@arrl.net>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [151615] WTB FL-100 , FL-102
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0306011444380.27625-1000000@valhalla.v>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

If you got em you know what they are :)

I got a 706 this weekend. What a hoot.

73,

Jim n2go

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 15:32:16 -0400
From: "Tom" <kf4yyd@adelphia.net>
To: "qrp-1" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [151616] Manassas Hamfest
Message-ID: <EIEBLEILGEEGMLHGHOAGGEJECGAA.kf4yyd@adelphia.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well, I went to the Manassas hamfest today and found nothing of what I was actually looking for i.e. an antenna handbook. However I did find and purchase one of the, no longer available because we want to sell you a

phone, Radio Shack DSP 40 (digital noise reduction systems) for \$12. It seems to work as I have it hooked up to my SW-40 and I can hear the audio output from its built in speaker. Does anybody else on the list use one of these? I've never had demonstrated what a DSP unit does and I am not sure I'm even using it correctly. It has both SSB and CW wide medium and narrow bandwidth filters as well as a noise reduction mode with the same filter settings. Was it a good buy or a waste of money?? The only reason I picked it up was do to the past thread on DSP and I have decided to try and learn something about it.

73, de Tom kf4yyd Fredericksburg Virginia

SW-40+/ZM-2/EI Cheapo Straight Key
QRPARCI #10661, FPqrp #610, ARS #1322
IDHACWID QRP Club #1

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 15:07:01 -0400
From: Brian Short <bshort4@cox.net>
To: Low Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [151617] Results - QRP "DXpedition" to DM-54
Message-ID: <39A020D2-9464-11D7-BCAC-00306543B616@cox.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0 (Apple Message framework v552)
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

We recently camped at "the Ranch" in DM-54:
<http://www.k7on.com/photo/Ranch/Ranch.html>

Happily, there were 6m Es openings both evenings we were camped there. The PVC pipe dipole and FT-817 QRP rig were adequate for several nice 6m SSB contacts.

Unfortunately, busy as we were, there was no time for QRP HF operation.

Our new neighbors at the Ranch are building a 40' diameter dome. It is pretty cool!

We went on a forest expedition to the top of Green's Peak which is a bit over 10,000 ft elevation:
<http://www.k7on.com/photo/Views/Views.html>

While on the way to the top, we got caught in a mild hail storm. We had to park the quads and find shelter under some pine trees until the storm passed.

There are some great looking antenna towers on Green's Peak:

<http://www.k7on.com/photo/Antennas/Antennas.html>

It was fun and not bad for a first trip of the year. Now, to plan for Field Day, the VHF QSO Party, more camping, etc.

Photos

<http://www.k7on.com/photo/Ranch/Ranch.html>

<http://www.k7on.com/photo/Views/Views.html>

<http://www.k7on.com/photo/Antennas/Antennas.html>

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See my web page: <http://www.k7on.com>

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 16:12:40 EDT
From: ARDUJENSKI@aol.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [151618] Innovative antennas
Message-ID: <99.38809148.2c0bb838@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I thought this might be of some help to those looking for innovative antennas for upcoming events (smile)

<http://www.leafwerks.net/n0ew/StrangeAntennas/k0s.specialevent.html>

<http://www.leafwerks.net/n0ew/StrangeAntennas/10m.html>

Alan KB7MBI in Woodinville, WA
FISTS 5702 / ARS / Proud member of ARRL

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Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 13:14:52 -0700

From: "William Phinizy" <k6whp@verizon.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [151619] Re: Wa-a-a-y OT: Widows 2000 Question
Message-ID: <001b01c3287a\$9a029ed0\$5163e043@sydelpgnr79gmd>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
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As I said, here is the resolution:

It *was* a virus -- apparently a remnant of the "BuddyList" virus that was uncovered on 3/1/1999. For Mike Yetsko's benefit, I did have MacAfee installed and later -- thanks to the advice here -- got Ad-aware (see previous post). Both missed it or at least, my futzing around caused them to miss it to be fair.

In any event, here are the symptoms:

(1) Whenever you boot up, the machine accesses the accesses the internet. Thereafter, every 10 minutes, this is done again. If you have a dial-up connection, this is fairly apparent. I can't imagine I would have caught it with a DSL connection.

(2) You will probably see a 4k file, command.exe, somewhere on your hard drive. Mine was in the root directory. Pretty clever, these clowns.

The origins of this and how to remove it can be found on the McAfee web site:

http://vil.nai.com/vil/content/v_10232.htm

I went through the whole procedure for mine and all I found was the .exe and a registry entry that cause it to be invoked on startup. I caught it (again, thanks to the info from the folks on this list) by setting the Windows task manager to scream mode (e.g., high refresh rate) and then doing a shift printscreen when the 10-minute mark came up. On one of the tries, command.exe appeared and that's how I tracked it down. From then on it was the usual drill: rename it, reboot, rename it back, reboot, then delete the little bastard. Actually, I saved it to a floppy because I want to disassemble it and find out exactly what it does.

Again, my sincere thanks for the responses from everyone.

You guys are really sharp!

72,

Bill, k6whp

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 13:11:39 -0700 (PDT)
From: Fred Bonavita <k5qlf@yahoo.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [151620] Rig(s) for trade?
Message-ID: <20030601201139.88887.qmail@web21408.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Let's trade. I have a month-old Palm Pilot Zire that I'm willing to swap for a QRP rig. This was a gift, and I tried it just long enough to realize it's something I neither need nor want. They retail for about \$100. It's complete with manual, unopened USB cable, unused installation CD and wall charger but not the bubble pack it came in. No scratches or dents. I will consider offers of QRP rigs in that price range for a straight swap. You ship; I ship. Please reply directly only. Thanks.
73, Fred, K5QLF, San Antonio..

Do you Yahoo!?
Yahoo! Calendar - Free online calendar with sync to Outlook(TM).
<http://calendar.yahoo.com>

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 14:45:56 -0600 (MDT)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [151621] NCDXF Beacon - 20 meters
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.44.0306011433380.10352-1000000@bucket.dog>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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I put my 817 in cw on 14.100 MHz and with my TH6DXX Beam at 60

feet pointed NE, I can copy one beacon, 4U1UN in NYC. I do hear others but they are too weak to get a call sign.

WWV is 113 A=20 and K=3 which to ME means the radio conditions are BAD but have been worse in the recent past. The A was 46 last week and the k was 7!

I can't wait for the old sunspot minimum when the flux is 90 A=3 and K=1. Conditions are not good but the bands work like they should.

My prediction for the Fox Hunt is simple: a very few will have propagation to either Fox, and if you don't you will hear ZIP.

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- Karl Larsen k5di Las Cruces, NM Az ScQRPions -

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 16:45:13 -0400
From: "Ron McConnell" <rcmcc@earthlink.net>
To: "NJQRP" <njqrp@njqrp.org>,
"QRP SolarPower" <qrpsolarpower@yahoo.com>,
Cc: "W2IOL" <w2iol@arrl.net>
Subject: [151622] NiMH AA cells mAh Tests and Maha C-401FS Charger test/review
Message-ID: <000601c3287e\$b3fd0600\$43cfa441@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Detailed tests and reviews from Imaging Resource,
a digital camera web site,
on several brands of NiMH AA cells
and the Maha Maha C-401FS Charger -

The Great Battery Shootout
by Dave Etchells

<http://www.imaging-resource.com/ACCS/BATTS/BATTS.HTM>

Safe, Fast, Flexible: the Maha C-401FS
Charger for AA NiMH cells
by Dave Etchells

<http://www.imaging-resource.com/ACCS/C401FS/C401A.HTM>

Cheers, 73,

Ron McConnell
w2iol

<http://home.earthlink.net/~rcmcc>

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 15:47:58 -0500
From: "Jerry Scherkenbach" <jerrys@execpc.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>,
<rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>
Cc: "NK9G, Rick" <rmcgaver@wi.rr.com>,
"WA9TZE, Jim Akre" <jsakre@execpc.com>
Subject: [151623] Re: Summer Fox Hunt: Team Guidelines.
Message-ID: <004401c3287f\$16d63300\$bb86cfa9@Pjerrys>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The QRP Cheeseheads are in if its not too late.....only one problem, we are short one, possibly two, ops. But here goes.

QRP Cheeseheads foxhunt team
Jerry N9AW
Rick NK9G
Jim WA9TZE
Gary W9XT

WE NEED ONE MORE, ANYONE INTERESTED ????????????

72
Jerry N9AW

----- Original Message -----
From: "Bruce Rattray" <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Saturday, May 31, 2003 6:47 PM
Subject: Re: Summer Fox Hunt: Team Guidelines.

We have the NE-TX Tornados and the Cajun Thunder....any more please?
...72 - Bruce VE5RC+VE5QRP

The Cajun Thunder

Wayne, K5E0A
Vern, AA50
Wayne, N5YFC
Jim, N5IB
and a "player to be named later"

72
Jim N5IB

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 13:55:00 -0700
From: "KXBill" <w7kxb@cox.net>
To: "w8diz" <w8diz@fpqrp.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>,
Subject: [151624] Re: [fpqrp] Truffle Hunt Today
Message-ID: <04b101c32880\$11564fe0\$25ac6d44@ph.cox.net>
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charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Frequency does not look er hear good. A few cw signal but no piggy or
stations calling the piggy heard here in Az. in the neighborhood of
.060+/-

Later
KXBill

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 13:58:03 -0700
From: "KXBill" <w7kxb@cox.net>
To: "w8diz" <w8diz@fpqrp.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>,
Subject: [151625] Re: [fpqrp] Truffle Hunt Today
Message-ID: <04bf01c32880\$7e7c34e0\$25ac6d44@ph.cox.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Think I found the problem...something about converting EDT to MST etc.
Will try again in 32 minutes
Will I ever learn???
KXBill

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 16:58:08 -0400
From: "Nils R. Young" <nilsbull@juno.com>
To: QRP-L@lehigh.edu
Subject: [151626] Road Case Stuff at Roger's
Message-ID: <20030601.165827.-282817.0.nilsbull@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Gang,

I was over at Roger's place (Midwest Surplus Electronics, 501 West Main Street, Fairborn, OH 45324, 937-879-2250) the other day and he's got a whole row of road cases.

These are the metal-edged, metal corner road cases that people put equipment or stuff in when they want to ship or just throw it in the back of the truck. Black. Different sizes. Some are 15x8x10 or so. (I didn't measure 'em outright, but they ain't small, like a purse. They're big like to put radios & stuff in, see?) They have plastic material along the sides inside, glued in, so you can pry it out. The plastic doodads are like tabs sticking out from the sides as if some sort of boxes or files or whatever would have slid in there like shelves or something.

No rack rails, however.

But they's sweet & I'd get one to put all the radio stuff in 'cept I ain't into that kind of box-full-of-radio stuff any more. I might get one for other reasons, but I gotta put an alternator in my other Sentra first.

Prices from (if memory serves) \$12 to \$25 depending on size & condition.

So there. And I just got finished with a very interesting project: Putting British/Gringo screws, wing nuts &c on the ground & antenna out parts of the AH-4. Brass screws over 3 inches long are hard to find but I

did find 'em. (I love metric, but the wing nuts on the stock AH-4 only work about 1/2 inch of thread & I'm too familiar with my own fumble-fingers enough to know that I'll drop & lose 'em first time out. And they're metric. So I got the British/Gringo hardware & replaced it. Yeah, I know, I could've gotten metric wing nuts extra, but I wanted more threaded material there, see? If you gotta ask, you'll never understand.)

Now that was interesting. That and using that Plasti-Dip stuff on my cables & stuff to kinda water-proof 'em. Weird goo.

73

Nils

Nils R. Bull Young -- W8IJN -- La Estancia de los Guajolotes Sonrientes
-- <http://w8ijn.tripod.com> -- <http://members.fortunecity.com/nilsbull>
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"The island is closer than your memories are." -- Ian G. Bull Young, 15
Feb 2002

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Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 15:34:06 -0600 (CST)
From: Bruce Ratray <ratray@gpfn.sk.ca>
To: QRP-Canada <qrp-canada@neale.gpfn.sk.ca>,
Low Power Group <qrp-l@LeHigh.EDU>
Subject: [151627] Summer Fox Hunt: Team Guidelines.
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0306011531050.11250-100000@neale.gpfn.sk.ca>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

OK we now have (1) the Cajun Thunder, (2) the Cheeseheads, (3) the Great Lakers and the NE-TX Tornados...any more please?...

..72/73 - Bruce (VE5RC+VE5QRP) QRP-C#1 QRP-L#886 ARCI#9683 Zombie#272
A-1 Operator Club - 10/10# 944 - QRP Borg#1 - Whiner#10 -
- VE5QRP SOC#11 - VE5RC SOC#12 - oo#148 - K2#2032 - COG#15 -
"QRP! How sweet it is!" "I am da man wit "DAH" paddle!"

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 15:38:32 -0600 (CST)
From: Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>
To: QRP-Canada <qrp-canada@neale.gpfn.sk.ca>,
Low Power Group <qrp-l@LeHigh.EDU>
Subject: [151628] Summer Fox Hunt Teams.
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0306011536490.11381-1000000@neale.gpfn.sk.ca>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

OK we now have (1) the Cajun Thunder, (2) the Cheeseheads, (3) the Great Lakers and (4) the NE-TX Tornados...any more please?...

We'll accept Teams up to the beginning of the second hunt...

.72/73 - Bruce (VE5RC+VE5QRP) QRP-C#1 QRP-L#886 ARCI#9683 Zombie#272
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Date: Sun, 01 Jun 2003 15:41:05 -0600
From: "James R. Duffey" <JamesDuffey@comcast.net>
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [151629] Re: Still sage advice
Message-ID: <BAFFCF10.7B88%JamesDuffey@comcast.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Mike - I am not sure why Eric stopped compiling articles for his archives. It was (and is) a valuable resource. I think that he is still on the list though. Compiling the archive is a big job and it is hard to fault him for not maintaining it. At one time there was talk of a QRP-L FAQ and that may have had something to do with it.

The archive is very useful and I refer to it often. One notable thing I see is the large number of significant contributors who no longer are seen on QRP-L. L.B.Cebik, Cecil Moore, Ron Stark, Bob Kellog, Charlie Lofgren, Ed Loranger, Tom Randolph, and Gary Surrency were once mainstays of the list and significant contributors. They are seldom if ever heard from these days. In some cases, the cause is clear, but it is sad to see these contributors no longer making frequent technical posts. - Dr. Megacycle KK6MC/5

James R. Duffey KK6MC/5
Cedar Crest NM 87009 DM65

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 14:46:43 -0700
From: "KXBill" <w7kxb@cox.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>,
<fpqrp-1@fpqrp.com>
Subject: [151630] Nada on First truffel
Message-ID: <000d01c32887\$4d23e580\$25ac6d44@ph.cox.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

That's it for kb5elv...not a thing heard
kxbill

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 17:55:17 -0400
From: "Richard Brummer, K2JQ" <k2jq@rcn.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>,
<fpqrp-1@fpqrp.com>
Subject: [151631] Re: [fpqrp] Truffle Hunt Today
Message-ID: <01ae01c32888\$7ffdab20\$6501a8c0@cable.rcn.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Easy solution -- get yourself a small station clock set to "Zulu" time.

Dick K2JQ

----- Original Message -----

From: "KXBill" <w7kxb@cox.net>
To: "w8diz" <w8diz@fpqrp.com>; "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion"
<qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>; <fpqrp-1@fpqrp.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 01, 2003 4:58 PM
Subject: Re: [fpqrp] Truffle Hunt Today

> Think I found the problem...something about converting EDT to MST etc.
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> KXBill

Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2003 17:59:20 -0400
From: "w8diz" <w8diz@fpqrp.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>,
<fpqrp-1@fpqrp.com>
Subject: [151632] Re: [fpqrp] Nada on First truffel
Message-ID: <004001c32889\$110c1160\$b8cf1d41@cinci.rr.com>
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charset="Windows-1252"
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BAD IS ME...I missed my turn at the truffel too :(
Got Dinner mixed up with ham radio...oh well...next time.

72 & "oo's" - Dieter (DIZ) Gentzow - W8DIZ - Loveland, Ohio
Clermont County - EM79uf - near Cincinnati; 39:13:05N 84:18:18W
RIG:multiPIG+ ANT:470 FT Horiz Loop <http://kitsandparts.com>

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Subject: [fpqrp] Nada on First truffel

That's it for kb5elv...not a thing heard
kxbill

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To: QRP-Canada <qrp-canada@neale.gpfn.sk.ca>,
Low Power Group <qrp-1@LeHigh.EDU>
Subject: [151633] Summer Fox Hunt Teams.
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...so far...

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Vern - AA50
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Jim - N5IB
and one more.

The Cheeseheads -

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and one more.

The Great Lakers -

The NE-TX Tornados -

Lew - N5ZE
Joe - KK5NA
Wayne - W5KDJ
Doc - W5TB
George - W5YR

...any more please?...72 - Bruce (VE5RC+VE5QRP)

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